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EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING
AUGUST 10, 1973:

QUOTE: MR. BRAY: THERE HAS BEEN SOME INTEREST RECENTLY IN
THE SAGA OF THESE SEVEN YOUNG AMERICANS INCARCERATED IN
TURKEY ON DRUG CHARGES, TWO OF WHOM ARE FROM THIS AREA. I
MIGHT JUST NOTE FOR YOU THAT BAIL WAS RECENTLY GRANTED FOR
THE FOUR YOUNG LADIES WHO WERE NOT INVOLVED IN DRIVING THE
THREE MINI-BUSES, AND WE WERE NOTIFIED YESTERDAY THAT MARIA
TERESA GROCKI OF SAN FRANCISCO WAS RELEASED ON BAIL YESTER-
DAY. IN ADDITION TO MISS GROCKI, PENELOPE CZARNECKI, WHO
HAS A BROTHER IN DENVER, COLORADO, WAS ALSO RELEASED ON BAIL
YESTERDAY.

Q. DO YOU HAVE THE NAMES OF THE OTHER TWO?

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A. THE TWO OTHER YOUNG LADIES ARE MARGARET ENGLE OF FALLS

CHURCH AND PAULA GIBSON OF FAIRFAX.

Q. WERE THEY ALSO RELEASED, CHARLES?

A. NO. BAIL HAS BEEN GRANTED TO THEM. ONLY THE TWO I PREVIOUSLY NAMED HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

Q. WHO ARRANGED THE BAIL?

A. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. DID THE U.S. EMBASSY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS?

A. WE HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THIS THROUGHOUT. I THINK IT WAS YOUR OWN PAPER'S STORY -- IT MAY HAVE BEEN THE STAR -- INDICATED THAT OUR CONSUL IN ADANA, WILLIAM HALLMAN, HAS BEEN VISITING THESE SEVEN IN ANTIOCH SINCE THEIR ARREST LAST DECEMBER EVERY OTHER WEEK, WITH FOOD, MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. HE HAS ARRANGED FOR THEIR DENTAL AND MEDICAL NEEDS TO BE MET AT A NEARBY FACILITY -- AND WAS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK TO MEET WITH THE PARENTS, I ASSUME OF THOSE IN THE WASHINGTON AREA, TO FILL THEM IN ON THE CASE, THE WELFARE OF THEIR CHILDREN. THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE OTHER SEVEN WERE TOLD OF THIS MEETING, AND WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE PARENTS HERE.

Q. DO YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY RESTRICTIONS IN THE BAIL, AS TO TRAVEL OUT OF TURKEY?

A. I WOULD HAVE TO GET THAT FOR YOU, IF WE KNOW IT.

Q. IF ONE OF THEM MIGHT COME TO THE UNITED STATES, COULD TURKEY EXTRADITE THEM BACK?

A. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. BUT THERE ARE STILL SEVEN IN JAIL, RIGHT?

A. THERE ARE FIVE STILL IN JAIL. SEVEN WERE ARRESTED. THREE WERE INVOLVED IN DRIVING THREE MINI-BUSES, CARRYING 100 KILOS OF HASHISH LAST DECEMBER 10, AND CHARGED WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE A NARCOTIC SUBSTANCE INTO TURKEY AND CREATION OF AN ORGANIZATION FOR DOING SO -- ARTICLE 403 OF THE TURKISH PENAL CODE, WHICH CARRIES A HEAVY PENALTY. THE THREE DRIVERS. ROBERT HUBBARD, NO RESIDENCE KNOWN TO US BUT APPARENTLY BORN IN KANSAS. CATHY ZENZ OF WISCONSIN, JOANNE MACDANIEL, SAID THAT THEY HAD RENTED THE THREE VW MINI-BUSES IN GERMANY AND DRIVEN THEM TO LEBANON, WHERE THEY PICKED UP THE FOUR GIRLS WHO WERE PASSENGERS WHEN THE THREE

MINI-BUSES WERE STOPPED IN TURKEY. IN APRIL THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ASKED THE COURT THAT THE FOUR PASSENGERS BE RELEASED. THERE WERE APPARENTLY A LARGE NUMBER OF WITNESSES AT THE SCENE OF THE ARREST. THE PROSECUTION IS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND PRODUCE THEM, WHICH IN PART AT LEAST ACCOUNTS FOR DELAY IN THE TRIAL. BAIL WAS RECENTLY

GRANTED FOUR. TWO WERE RELEASED YESTERDAY. THE NEXT HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10.

Q. IN THE STORIES FROM THE SCENE, THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE UNPOPULARITY OF THE AMERICAN NATION IN GETTING THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO SUPPRESS THE GROWING OF OPIUM MAY HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS CRACKDOWN ON AMERICANS, ON THESE DRUG CASES. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT BEARS ON THAT AT ALL?

A. NO, I DON'T. I WOULD OFFER A THOUGHT ON BACKGROUND. THAT IS IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT COOPERATED WITH US IN A WAY WHICH MADE IT A LITTLE EASIER TO DAMP DOWN THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS FROM ONE OF THE MAJOR PRODUCING COUNTRIES. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INDICATION FROM THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT THAT THEY ARE TAKING ACTION AGAINST AMERICANS WITH NARCOTICS IN THEIR POSSESSION BY WAY OF REACTION. BUT I THINK IT NOT ILLOGICAL THAT A GOVERNMENT WHICH COOPERATED WITH US IN ONE WAY WOULD HOLD OUR NATIONALS TO THE SPIRIT OF THAT COOPERATION. END QUOTE. ROGERS

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